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For: NONVOLATILE SEMICONDUCTOR
MEMORY DEVICE

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is in response to the non-final Office Action dated August 25, 2004, for which a response is due on November 25, 2004. A one month extension of time is provided herewith, extending the period of response from November 25, 2004 to December 27, 2004 (December 25, 2004 and December 26, 2004 being a holiday weekend). Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.